

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 4 PM

Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Dan Boody, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Janice Gepner, Heather Gillich, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Greg Sautter, Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Emily Smoak

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargen, John Barobs (excused), Jennifer Bordon (excused), Tony Drollinger (excused), Steve Elmer, Robin Garwood, Liz Johnston, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde (excused), Jaime Makepeace, Tyler Pederson, Anthony Taylor, Georgianna Yantos (excused)

Others Present: Millicent Flowers, Ethan Johnson, Chris Kartheiser, Emily Wade

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the direction of the draft **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan** as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly advises the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to ensure that at least one member of the **Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan Community Advisory Committee** be a **BAC member**. This Master Plan includes bicycle trails that are crucial segments of the bicycle network, including the Kenilworth Trail and part of the Cedar Lake Trail in addition to the bike trails along the lakes. BAC participation in any long term planning for these trails is critically important.
3. Whereas Hennepin County has a Complete Streets Policy and Toward Zero Deaths Initiative, and whereas **Franklin Avenue** is on Minneapolis' Vision Zero High Injury Street List, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly recommends that the County adopt the following as it completes the study:
 - the inclusion of protected bikeways on Franklin Avenue,
 - maximum vehicle travel lane widths of 10 feet, and
 - maximizing pedestrian and bicycle space at every cross section of the roadway.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the direction of the **Plymouth Ave Reconstruction** project as proposed.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Downtown East Reconstruction** plan as presented with further review of the path connecting to the Hiawatha trail.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The November Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **2020 BAC Calendar** presented by Millicent Flowers

- Millicent will send us the calendar as soon as it's ready.
- January meeting dates: January 22 for full BAC, January 14 for Engineering Subcommittee and January 7 for 5E Subcommittee.

2. **Annual Report to Transportation & Public Works (T&PW)** presented by Nick Mason & Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Our Annual Report will probably be presented to T&PW on Jan 21.
- Nick met with Abigail (PAC) and Matthew D to work on an outline.
- Nick asked how members want to be involved.
- It will probably include successes and misses of the past year.
- Elissa S, Emily S and Aaron S volunteered to help.
- BAC members are encouraged to attend.

3. **BAC/PAC Year-End Review** presented by Chris Kartheiser

- Chris K presented a slide show of the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure completed in 2019.
- In 2019, there were 2.65 miles of new bicycle facilities and 6.59 miles of upgraded bicycle facilities.
- The bikeway network is now 253 miles out of 402 planned miles.
- 2019 bike and pedestrian projects include the following:
 - Blaisdell Protect Bikeway: replaced standard bike lane with protected bike lane, narrowed travel lanes and added buffer,
 - Bloomington Pedestrian Safety Project: added 2 medians,
 - C Line Project with Metro Transit: 2nd BRT line in the city,
 - Glen Gale Pedestrian Safety Project: simplified a bad intersection and improved a crossing,
 - Grand St NE Resurfacing: improved safety of pedestrian crossing,
 - Monroe St NE Green Infrastructure and Repaving Project: added greening,
 - North Loop Paving Project: fixed potholes,
 - Oak St Protected Bikeway Improvements: replaced paint and sticks with a curb, and includes a floating bus island,
 - University/4th St Protected Bikeways: added bollards and protection to bike lane,
 - U of M Protected Bikeways: linked segments.

4. **5E Subcommittee Report** presented by Elissa Schufman – **ACTIONS**

- **ADA Transition Plan – ACTION**
 - Kelsey Vogt provided an overview to the Subcommittee
 - The previous plan never made it past the draft stage.
 - T-intersections will be prioritized, especially across from parks.
 - Public comments being accepted through December 27.
 - No timelines codified in plan; some recommendations expected to take 20 years.
 - The plan is focused on infrastructure.

- Emily's motion to support the draft plan was passed unanimously.
- **MPRB Comprehensive Plan: Parks for All**
 - Park Board (PB) wants to adopt a new plan before the previous one expires in 2020.
 - Emma Pachuta asked the Subcommittee for our ideas on what should be included.
 - Bulleted list of our ideas are in the 5E Minutes.
 - A repeated theme is the closing of parkways to cars, such as for Open Streets events.
- **MPRB Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles Master Plan – ACTION**
 - This is the last remaining park as part of the PB Master Plan.
 - The PB is in the process of forming a CAC and is soliciting applications for both the CAC and the CAC Selection Committee.
 - Elissa filled out an application for the Selection Committee on behalf of the BAC.
 - They are looking for wide representation on the CAC; bicycling representation was only mentioned briefly under "transportation representation."
 - Janice pointed out that the plan includes critical bicycle infrastructure and presented a motion to ask the PB to be sure to include a BAC representative on the CAC.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) Recommendations**
 - The Subcommittee wanted to know what happened to projects that were not selected last year.
 - This will be on the Agenda for the January Subcommittee meeting.

5. Engineering Subcommittee Report presented by Dan Miller – **ACTIONS**

- **Hennepin County Osseo Road Reconstruction**
 - Project is in the far NW part of the City, County 152 from 49th Ave N to Penn Ave.
 - It includes intersections with the Queen Ave Bike Blvd and Victory Memorial Dr.
 - Project in its early stages; County will come back to Subcommittee in March.
 - There has been feedback on excessive motor speeds.
 - There is limited space, but they are looking at an improved bike facility.
- **Hennepin County Franklin Avenue Corridor Study – ACTION**
 - The study includes Franklin from Lyndale Ave to Bloomington Ave.
 - This is not a project; it's just a study to gather ideas for when funding is available.
 - Looking at possible on-road and off-road bike lanes.
 - Aaron says the current sidewalk is too narrow and is unsafe.
 - Emily W encouraged us to tell our County Commissioners we support narrower travel lanes.
 - Dan presented a motion to support protected bikeways on Franklin.
 - The motion was amended to ask for smaller travel lanes, maximize bike and ped space and to point out that these are consistent with Hennepin County policies.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously.
- **Plymouth Avenue Reconstruction – ACTION**
 - This project is a 2021 reconstruction from Penn Ave N to Xerxes Ave N.
 - The plan includes off street bike lanes and protected intersections.
 - The Subcommittee asked about the possibility of connecting the trail to Theodore Wirth Park.
 - Dan's motion to support the project was unanimously approved.
- **Downtown East Reconstruction – ACTION**
 - Project includes a small section of 10th Ave S, 3rd St S and 12th Ave S.

- They are looking at improving the bike link to the Hiawatha Trail as well as intersections.
- Dan's motion to support the project passed unanimously.
- **CIP Recommendations**
 - Liz Heyman will come to a January Subcommittee meeting – possibly 5E.
 - At that meeting we will find out what Public Works is proposing for the next CIP.

6. Announcements

- Nick M: asked for more information on the fatal bike/semi crash last month. Matthew D said that the semi and bike were traveling in the same direction before the semi turned right hitting the bicyclist. Nick suggested people read Ethan's Facebook post on the cyclist, Alex.
- Nick: Minneapolis' Bike Friendly status is gold again for the 3rd year. Feedback said we didn't have enough mode share to reach platinum.
- Elissa S: asked for a volunteer to chair the April 7 5E Subcommittee meeting.
- Paul F: provided an update on the PB Minnehaha Master Plan. The PB is now looking at no road closures or additional medians.
- Emily W: asked if there was information on the Traffic Enforcement Advisory Committee. Dan B said he will ask about it.
- Dan B: update of City website now pushed back until April.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner